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MINUTES

September 5, 2006 Meeting
500 West Temple Street
Sybil Brand Conference Room 372
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chairperson Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 1, 2006 MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairperson Gray, seconded by Chairperson Rosenthal, the Commission unanimously approved the August 1, 2006 Minutes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chairperson Rosenthal briefed the Commission on the proposed taxicab project and asked them to review the scoping document. A meeting with Councilmember Wendy Gruel, City of Los Angeles, and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, County of Los Angeles, will occur in the near future to review and discuss the scoping document.

STUDY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT

Commissioner Parlow provided a brief review of Mr. Gary Blasi's taxicab study (study). The study focuses on identifying problems with Los Angeles' (City) taxicab service (service). Although the City service system is legal, it indirectly disadvantages the taxi drivers. The taxicab drivers (drivers) earn less than minimum wage and spend 50% of their time looking for customers to pick up. In response to Chairperson Rosenthal, Commissioner Parlow reported Mr. Blasi will provide recommendations on the existing taxi services within Los Angeles after his report is released publicly on September 25, 2006.

Chairperson Rosenthal suggested incorporating the County's 88 cities and unincorporated areas into the scope of the project. Chairperson Rosenthal referred to a recent article regarding taxi drivers illegally rigging their cab meters to receive higher fares (copy on file).

After a brief discussion, Chairperson Rosenthal asked Commissioner's Guerra and Reddock to visit with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's office to discuss the taxicab project and its benefit to the region. Commissioner Epstein reiterated the mission and the scope of the project is to improve the "delivery of service" regionally.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeanne Breunig
Shana Epstein
Patricia Gray
Rod Guerra, Jr
Tyler Kelley
Erin Pak
Algird Leiga
Matthew Parlow
Angela Reddock
Richard Rosenthal
Kenneth Rozell
David Spence

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Gordon Gray
Sharon Martinez
Joyce Streater

STAFF

Peter Papadakis
Garen Khachian

GUESTS

Ron Morales, Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office